

What is claimed is :

1. A method of stabilizing an ascorbyl (poly)phosphate against degradation by phosphatases which comprises coating said ascorbyl (poly)phosphate with a lipid.
2. A method as in claim 1 wherein the ascorbyl (poly)phosphate salt is trisodium ascorbyl-2-monophosphate, or sodium calcium ascorbyl-2-polyphosphate.
3. A method as in claim 1 or 2 wherein the lipid is a wax or plant oil.
4. A method as in any of claims 1 - 3 wherein an adsorbant is additionally present .
5. A method as in any one of claims 1-4 the amount of ascorbyl (poly)phosphate is such to provide between about wt.5 % to about 40 wt.-% ascorbic acid equivalents.
6. A method as in any one of claims 1-5 wherein the amount of lipid is about 10 wt.-% to about 60 wt.-%, based on the total weight of the composition.
7. A method as in any one of claims 1-6 wherein an adsorbant is present in an amount of about 0.5 wt.-% to about 5 wt.-%, based on the total weight of the composition.
8. A method as in any one of claims 1-7 wherein a granulate having an average mean particle size of about 0.1 to about 1.0 mm is prepared.
9. Granulate compositions comprising trisodium L-ascorbyl-2-monophosphate or sodium calcium L-ascorbyl-2-polyphosphate or mixtures thereof, and a lipid.
10. Granulate compositions as in claim 9 wherein the lipid is a wax or plant oil.
11. Granulate compositions as in claim 9 or 10 wherein the amount of trisodium L-ascorbyl-2-monophosphate or sodium calcium L-ascorbyl-2-polyphosphate in the granulate is such to provide between about 5 -% to about 40 wt.-%, ascorbic acid equivalents.

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12. Granulate compositions as in any one of claims 9-11 wherein the amount of lipid is about 10 wt.-% to about 60 wt.-%, based on the total weight of the composition.

13. Granulate compositions as in any one of claims 9-12 wherein the amount of adsorbant, if present, is about 0.5 wt.-% to about 5 wt.-%, based on the total weight of the composition.

14. Granulate compositions as in any one of claims 9-13 wherein the granulate has a mean particle size of about 0.1 to about 1.0 mm.

15. Animal feed and feed premixes containing a granulate composition as claimed in any one of claims 9-14.

16. Animal feed and feed premixes as in claim 15 for ruminants.
